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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for April 24

SUBJECT

An additional grant of Rs 1000/- for demonstrating the use of Prickly Pear as fodder in the Chital dry Dt

To The Revenue
" Dir of Agriculture
" Conservator of Forests
" Comptroller
" D.C. Chitaldrug

No. 1006-10/D 32-23-6 dated 25-4-24

Sanctions an additional grant of Rs 1000/- out of Rs 9 5000/-, Sanctioned for the cutting of Mahua trees, for demonstrating the use of Prickly Pear as fodder for cattle in the Chitaldrug Dt. in the months of May 24.

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5	From. The Director of Agriculture No Roc 973-A dated 16-4-24 forwards a report on the fodder situation in the Eastern portion of chitaldrug Dt. and requests that a sum of Rs 1000/- may be sanctioned for the purpose of conducting the prickly pear demonstration in the chitaldrug Dt. The Director wants a sum of Rs 1000/- for conducting the demonstration of the use of prickly pear as fodder for cattle in the chitaldrug Dt. Before sanctg the amt the following factors have to be taken into consideration:— (1) The taking up of prickly pear demonstration work was sanctioned purely as an experiment

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to find out the fodder value
thereof to cattle. An experimen
cannot perhaps be continued very
long — especially in times of finan
stringency as at present, which is
indeed very inopportune. If it is
absolutely necessary, it may be taken
up as the normal work of the
Live stock Section of the Agal Dept.
after making due provision therefor
(ii). A study of the report of the
fodder situation in the Chitaldrug
Dt. as reported by the Director himself goes t
show that conditions there are not
so bad as in affected tracts. In vie
of the fact that we have a large
quantity of ragi straw which has to be
disposed of to the best advantage of
it would perhaps be enough if this
straw is supplied to the affected parts
the Chitaldrug Dt.
(iii) There has been a heavy los
in the fodder supply positions. Any
addition to it would only increa
the loss further. Moreover the pay
of Dr. Venkatesha & the Cost of th

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Pan baling press have been ordered to be met out of the balance of Rs 9500 at the disposal of the Conservator of Forests of this Amt. viz Rs 1000. which is in the nature of a final charge has to be met from the "advance" grant refd to, the Financial dept may have to be consulted —

Hence the necessity for continuing the experiment has to be decided. If such a decision is arrived at further info will be necessary on the following points before sanctg this Amt. —

(1) the cost of the special staff for pricky pear I no special staff has been sanctd by govt for this purpose and how it is now being met — estimate of addl commitment if any is necessary.

(2) A report as to how far the ryots have taken to the pricky pear as fodder in the Kolundy as necessary.

(3) A copy of the bulletin which is reported to be under preparation

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on the basis of the data so far collected may be ~~xxx~~ ...

It is for consideration as to whether in view of the fact that the Director considers that the stage of experiment is past, the work may not be taken up as part of the general work of demonstration of the Dept. (vide page 59 of the budget 23-24) D 1-IV.

19/4/24 As prickly pear Experimental farms will be necessary in the Chikballapur District, where fodder situation is said to be not very bad.

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Rev. Supdt. The Dist proposals which involve Rs 1000/- may be sanctioned. It gives the people a chance of knowing what may be done in such times of difficulty

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Director Scheme sanctioned by Govt as proposed

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
MYSORE STATE.

Immediate.

In reply please quote in full the Nos. and indicative symbol given below.

Bangalore,

April 16, 1924 192

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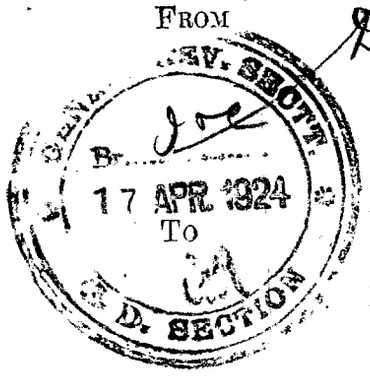
FROM

LESLIE C. COLEMAN, Esq., M.A., PH.D.,
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE IN MYSORE,
BANGALORE.



To

K.V.Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
Offg.Secy. to Govt. of Mysore,
Rev.Deptt., Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a short report on the Fodder Situation in the Eastern part of Chitaldrug District.

In this connection, I have the honour to state that I propose transferring the special Prickly pear staff now working in Kolar District where the work has now been pretty well organized to the Chitaldrug district where it will be used for the next month at least.

In this connection I have the honour to point out that the allotment of Rs.1,000 which was intended simply to carry out some experimental work has been exhausted. Another Rs.1,000 at least will be required to continue the operations. I have been given to understand by the Conservator of Forests that a fairly large sum out of the amount sanctioned for the cutting of Malnad hay remains unexpended. I have the honour to request that Rs.1,000 out of this amount be transferred to this Department for the purpose above indicated.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Director of Agriculture.

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The Fodder Situation in Chitaldrug District.

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Pursuant to instructions contained in Government Order, Revenue No.808/5 of the 24th March 1924 I visited the affected taluks of Chellakere and Molakalmuru from the 11th to 14th April; I was accompanied by Mr.M.A.Sreenivasan, Sub Division Officer, who had been over the whole ground carefully before and who had already collected information, which I found invaluable to me.

I was assured by the Amildar, Hiriyur, that the conditions in that taluk had greatly improved and that there was no cause for serious anxiety in the near future. As this view was shared by Mr.Srinivasan, I did not think it necessary to tour in that taluk.

In Chellakere I inspected with Mr. Sreenivasan villages in Naikennatti and Parasarampur hoblis meeting villagers from some nine or ten villages. In both these hoblis I found the fodder supplies very low. In most cases crops which will yield a supply of fodder within one month's time were being grown under Kapile irrigation, but these supplies are certain to be very inadequate. A very large number of the poorer class of cattle from both these hoblis have, largely on the initiative of the Sub Division Officer, been driven to the forests of the neighboring British territory and of Sondur State but large numbers of these have returned owing mainly to lack of water supply and the drying up of the fodder. Undoubtedly, however, this movement has gone far towards preventing the situation becoming more acute.

The conditions in Naikanhatti Hobli are not such as to cause immediate anxiety because of two facts. In the first place, stocks of fodder are still available in fairly large quantities in the neighboring taluk of Jagalur and these stocks are now being drawn upon. In the second place there are large numbers of date trees in this hobli which are being heavily cut for fodder purposes. If normal rains occur the ryots of this hobli should be able to carry on.

In Parasarampur hobli the conditions are much worse. The ryots are much farther from the sources of fodder supply still available and have very few date or other trees to fall back upon. I found the kapile bullocks in Parasarampur and Chevalu in a serious condition

of emaciation and in some cases at least it seemed doubtful whether ryots would be able to carry on Kapile irrigation to enable them to mature crops now on the ground.

The people in this hobli are dependent for any extra supply of fodder largely on the stocks which are sold weekly at the Chellakere Sante. I inspected these stocks on Sunday the 13th instant and found that Karada grass was selling at 56 lbs. per rupee and Jola sappe at from 48 to 50 lbs. per rupee. I was informed by the Chellakere Amildar that over 100 cartloads of fodder come each week to the Sante and that there had been no appreciable diminution in the supply up to the present. The prices are however rising and as far as the Karada grass is concerned it seems likely that it will be practically exhausted within another month as it is obtained from the forests near Chitaldrug

With regard to Jola there are undoubtedly quite large stocks in Jagalur taluk and in certain villages of the Chitaldrug taluk. I made a hurried trip to Jagalur and talked with the Amildar and local people on this subject. While they were of opinion that the villages contained stocks not more than sufficient to carry them through to the next harvest there was abundant evidence in the villages passed through that some of the previous years stocks were still present. Unless therefore we have another bad year this taluk will be able to meet its own needs and supply considerable fodder to the taluks farther east.

The conditions in Molakalmuru taluk are by no means so bad. Quite large forest areas have been furnishing ~~Kaniara~~ Kanara and other leaves which are looked upon and no doubt are very good fodder. The fact that as compared with Chellakere taluk comparatively small areas of fodder yielding crops have been put in under Kapile irrigation and that they have been replaced by such commercial crops as tobacco and onions indicates that the ryots in general have not looked upon the situation as serious. In the northern part of the taluk however the conditions are by no means satisfactory. In Bomderarhalli near Thammenhalli for instance, I found conditions very bad. Cattle including the kapile bullocks were extremely emaciated and most people were dependent upon stocks of Badi grass (a very poor type of fodder) which

was being carried by head loads from the neighboring British forests.

With regard to measures which can be taken to relieve fodder distress I would note the following;-

1. Both taluks abundantly supplied with prickly pear. I propose starting demonstrations in the use of this subsidiary fodder in Parasrampur hobli in the first instance, and extending it to other areas where the need is felt. This work will be done in close co-operation with the Revenue authorities.

2. As regards supply of fodder from outside or transport of fodder from other taluks I have been given to understand by the Sub Division Officer that a small distress fund has been collected in both Chellakere and Molakalmuru taluks. I have suggested that this might be used as a sort of subvention to the poorer class of ryots to relieve them of part of the carthire which for Parasarampur hobli would be excessive. I found that very large number of the people do not possess carts and even if they did all their available bullocks are being used in the effort to irrigate their crops of paddy and jola now on the ground. If it is found on trial that this is likely to meet a real need and if conditions do not improve it will I think, be necessary for Government to sanction a special grant to meet the situation there. I have discussed the matter with the Deputy Commissioner and would favour keeping in readiness at least 100 tons of malnad hay to be shipped to Chitaldurg if the conditions do not improve. I personally feel however, that if we can persuade the ryots to takenp the use of prickly pear seriously , we shall be able to do more in the way of meeting the situation than we can possible do in any other way.

Director of Agriculture.

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Signed by.....Mr T.A.....

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Read—

Letter no Ro.C 973 A of 23-24 dated 16-4 from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, forwarding a report on the Fodder Situation in the Eastern part of the Chita District & requesting Sa for appropriating a sum of Rs 1000/- from the unexpended balance of Rs 95000/- placed at the disposal of the Conservator for cutting Mahua

~~Order Thereon No.~~

tray, to enable him to Conduct
the demonstration of the use
of the Prickly-pear as fodder
for cattle in the Chitaldrug
District during the months of
May &c.

Order thereon :— 1006-10/W.

The Proposal of the
Dir of Agriculture is
sanctioned.

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Govt

List of enclosures.

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